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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DIRECT IMAGE PICK-UP OF

GRANULAR SPECK PATTERN GENERATED BY REFLECTING

LIGHT OF LASER BEAM

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER §1.312

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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